

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jean-Marie BUERSTEDDE *et al.*

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For: Methods for Genetic Diversification in Gene Conversion Active Cells

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Amendment and Response to Final Office Action Mailed February 9, 2009

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Sir:

This is a reply to arguments raised in the Final Office Action mailed February 9, 2009 ("Office Action").

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that are otherwise provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if any extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 21027.002. Applicants likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.